

HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 3rd December, 2024.

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Present: Councillor J.E. Charles (Chair); Councillor N.C. Thomas (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.M. Ball, I.R. Buckley, A.M. Collins, C.M. Cowpe, R.E. Godfrey, S. Lloyd-Selby, J. Lynch-Wilson, J.M. Norman and C. Stallard.

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor C.A. Cave.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES ANNUAL PLACEMENTS REVIEW (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the content of the appended Vale of Glamorgan Council Children and Young People Services Annual Placement Review Report be noted.

(2) T H A T a further Annual Placement Review report be received in December 2025.

(3) T H A T the report be referred to the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report on the actions taken within Children and Young People Services during 2023/24 with regards to placement provision for Children Looked After (CLA) and the priority actions for 2024/25.
- (2) To ensure Members are aware of any changes in relation to the key statutory function on an annual basis.
- (3) To ensure Members from the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee also have the opportunity to consider the matters set out in both the covering and appended report which relate to their portfolio areas.

AGENDA ITEM 5. CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN MARKET STABILITY REPORT 2022 - 2027: ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2024 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the key changes and local priorities, since publication of the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Market Stability Report (MSR), as set out in the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the following comment of the committee be used to inform the next stages of implementation in relation to the local priorities for 2025 and beyond:
 - The 'Invest to Save' strategy / approach that is being taken across the Social Services area of provision is vital and should be supported as far as possible within the current financial challenges.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report with respect to changes in demand and service availability since the Market Stability Report was published in 2022, updates in 2023 and revised findings for 2024.
- (2) To enable the Committee to inform the future development of regulated and support services, so that they are sufficient to meet the population's future care and support needs.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2024/25 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.

(2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.6 and detailed in the report at paragraph 2.42, be noted.

(3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers within the remit of the Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

(4) T H A T the changes to the 2024/25 Capital Programme and future years' Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5 and detailed within the body of the report at paragraphs 2.21, 2.26, 2.27 and 2.38 be noted.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the content of the report to advise Committee of Capital Programme progress, use of Delegated Authority, use of Emergency Powers and changes to the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 7. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN MONITORING REPORT: QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE 2024/25 (DSS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Q2 performance results and progress towards achieving the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 commitments, as aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan Wellbeing Objectives within the remit of the Committee, be noted.

(2) T H A T the remedial actions to be taken to address areas of underperformance, and to tackle the key challenges identified within the remit of the Committee, be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report to ensure the Council clearly demonstrated the progress being made towards achieving its commitments in the Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 aimed at making a positive difference to the lives of Vale of Glamorgan citizens.

(2) To ensure the Council was effectively assessing its performance in line with the requirement to meet its performance requirements, as outlined in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and reflecting the requirement of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, that it maximised its contribution to achieving the well-being goals for Wales.

AGENDA ITEM 8. MATTERS WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WERE URGENT –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matters which the Chair had decided were urgent for the reason given beneath the minute headings be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 8(i) MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26 TO 2029/30 REFRESH AND UPDATE (REF) –

(Matter which the Chair had decided was urgent by need to ensure clearance of the Cabinet Report prior to publication and consideration of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30 Refresh and Update on a timely basis and alongside the Q2 Revenue Monitoring 2024/25 report.)

RECOMMENDED – T H A T both the reference and appended Cabinet report be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of both the reference and Cabinet report to refresh the assumptions in the Medium Term Financial Plan and provide an update on the Chancellor's UK Budget announcement and progress on the 2025/26 budget as well as review the work mitigating cost pressures to ensure an open and transparent approach to financial management in line with the approved Financial Strategy.

AGENDA ITEM 8(ii) QUARTER 2 REVENUE MONITORING 2024/25 (DSS) –

(Matter which the Chair had decided was urgent by need of ensuring clearance of the Cabinet Report prior to publication and consideration of the Q2 monitoring position on a timely basis and alongside the MTFP Refresh Report.)

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the position with regard to the Authority's 2024/25 Revenue Budget within the remit of the Committee be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Revised Budget 2024/25, as set out within the report, be noted.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report to inform Committee of the projected revenue outturn for 2024/25.
- (2) To update the Revised Budget for 2024/25.